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EO: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR CO VE

SUBJ: COLOMBIAN-VENEZUELA BORDER DISPUTE

REF: STATE 017359

1. RE LAST PARA REFTEL THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY DOES NOT POSE AN OBSTACLE TO A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE GULF OF VENEZUELA OFF-SHORE BOUNDARY DISPUTE. THERE WOULD, ALMOST CERTAINLY, BE SOME GRUMBLING AMONG MILITARY OFFICERS CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT; NO AGREEMENT NOW CONTEMPLATED BY FONOFF OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE SO ONESIDED AS TO ENGENDER SERIOUS OPPOSITION BY THE MILITARY LEADERS. IN ADDITION, THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY, TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN IS USUALLY THE CASE IN LATIN AMERICA, ACCEPT A ROLE SUBORDINATE TO CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. A MORE SUBSTANTIAL OBSTACLE, IN THE VIEW OF GOC OFFICIALS, WOULD BE THE REACTIONS OF THE VENEZUELAN PRESS AND CONGRESS AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, THE COLOMBIAN PRESS AND CONGRESS.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: RAISED TO EXDIS PER MR. MACFARLANE, S/S-O.

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